

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An exhaust emission control device comprising:
~~with a particulate filter stored in~~ a muffler having a casing connected for receiving
engine exhaust gases from which in turn is incorporated in an exhaust pipe[[],];
a particulate filter arranged in the casing so as to receive the exhaust gases, wherein at
least a portion of the periphery of the particulate filter is spaced from the casing to define a
space in the casing, and surrounding the particulate filter, through which the exhaust gases
can flow, whereby the space in the casing can muffle sound from the exhaust gases;
~~comprising~~ a recess at a temperature detecting area at the on a casing of the muffler,
said recess creating a being concave extending through the space surrounding the particulate
filter up to a position in proximity to reach the particulate filter in the casing; and
a temperature sensor arranged to penetrate a deepest portion of said recess.

Claim 2. (Original) The exhaust emission control device as claimed in claim 1,
wherein the recess is in the form of a cup and an operation space is secured around the
temperature sensor penetrating the recess to allow for operation of a tool for
attachment/detachment of said temperature sensor.